

Scoring

Will the scores on the new test be the same as AIMS?

AIMS had four score levels: Falls Far Below, Approaches, Meets, and Exceeds. Meets and Exceeds were passing scores.

We do not know how many score levels the new test will have or what they will be called. We expect the new test will have at least two passing score levels.

What did passing the AIMS test mean?

The AIMS test was based on the old Arizona State Standards. Students who passed the AIMS test showed that they met a minimum expectation for that grade. A passing score on AIMS did not mean a student was on track for college or career upon graduation.

What will passing the new test mean?

The new assessment is based on Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards. Students who pass the new test will show that they meet a higher expectation for that grade. A passing score on the new test will mean a student is on track for college or career upon graduation.

What impact will the new test have on student scores?

Raised expectations mean that there may be a decline in the number of students passing the new test. A lower score on the new test does not necessarily mean that a student is performing below average in school. It also does not mean that teachers are doing a poor job of teaching. It is more likely the result of higher expectations for a passing score.

As we saw with AIMS, we expect that the scores on the new test will increase over time.

